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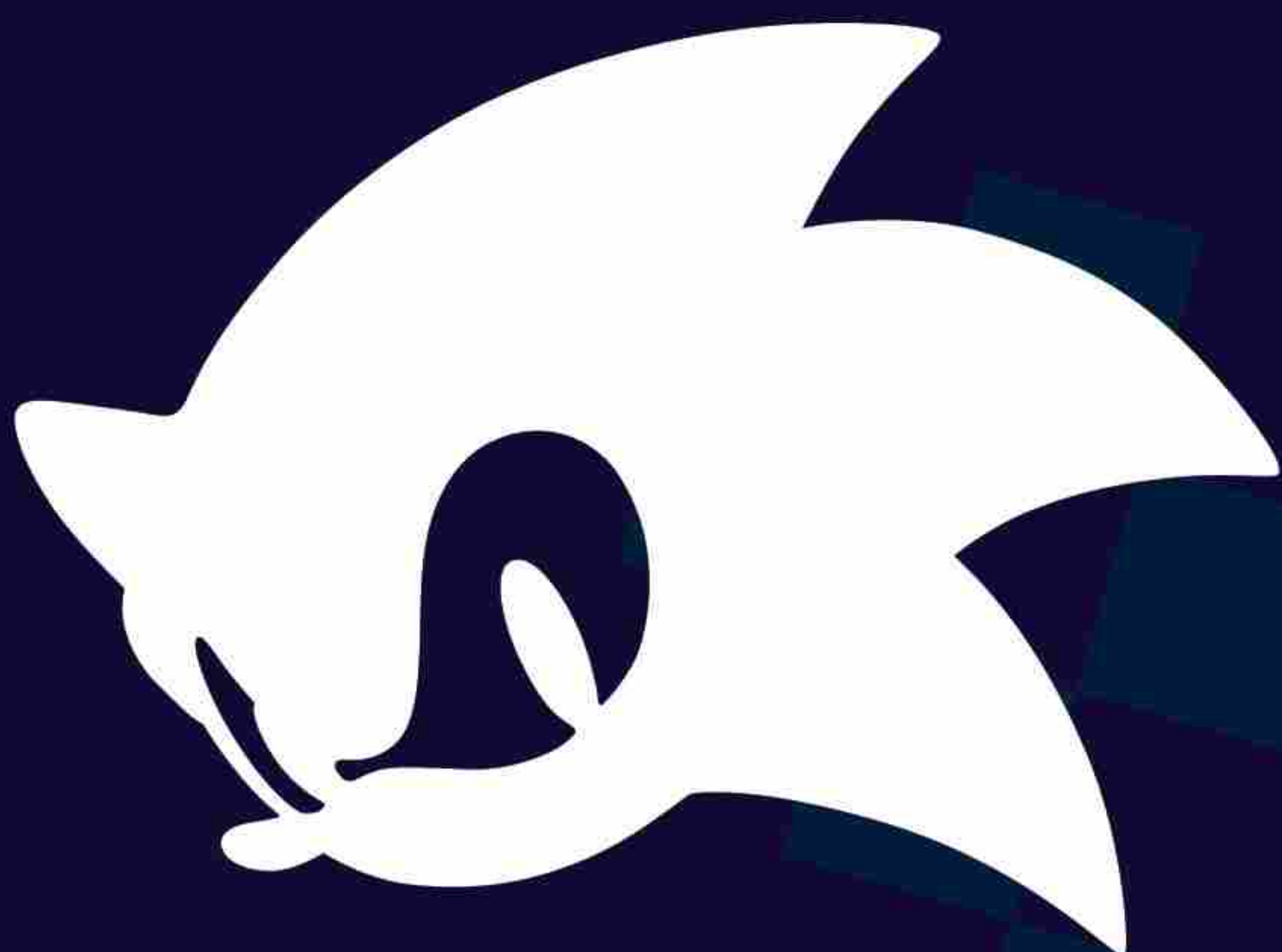
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Restoration ally.



SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Angel Island's protector.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Lifeform.
Sonic's grim rival.



METAL SONIC

Metallic Menace.
Eggman Empire.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.



DEADLY SIX

Other-worldly Adversaries.
Zavok, Zor, Zeena, Zomom, Zazz, and Master Zik.



G-G-GREAT!
N-N-NOW
T-T-TO D-D-DITCH
TH-TH-THE
W-W-WARP
T-T-TOPAZ...!

SONIC! WE
DID IT! THE
METAL VIRUS IS
GONE FROM
THE WORLD!



SILVER!



ARE YOU
ALRIGHT? IS IT
OVER? WHAT
HAPPENED?!

IT'S...
IT'S OVER.
WE PULLED
AWAY EVERY
BIT OF METAL
VIRUS AND
DESTROYED
IT.



BUT... DR. STARLINE WAS RIGHT. THE WARP TOPAZ COULDN'T HANDLE ALL THAT POWER.

SONIC TRIED TO DITCH IT IN THE SUPER WARP PORTAL, BUT...

...OH, NO.



TCH! HE'S JUST BEING DRAMATIC. HE'LL COME FLOATING DOWN, ALL GOLDEN AND SMUG, ANY MINUTE NOW.



AAAANY MINUTE NOW.

IS THERE A WAY WE COULD... I DON'T KNOW, *SEARCH* FOR HIM?

HE WAS AT THE CENTER OF CHAOS EMERALD-FUELED WARP TOPAZ DISTORTIONS. I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.



"DARN IT, SONIC! YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAD! KNOCK IT OFF AND COME BACK!"



"OH, BOO-HOO! OUR HERO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE!"

PLEASE. IT'S LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO *REALLY* KNOWS THAT INSUFFERABLE BLUE NUISANCE.

STILL, WHILE THEY'RE ALL BUSY WRINGING THEIR HANDS OVER SONIC, I'LL MAKE MY TACTICAL RETREAT.

GOOD THING I TOOK SPECIAL CARE TO REPURPOSE ONLY *NON-ESSENTIAL* PARTS OF THE SHUTTLE FOR THAT PORTAL DEVICE!





I WILL NOT SUFFER HUMILIATION FROM SONIC AGAIN! I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT!



I HAVE LOST THE METAL VIRUS AND THE ZOMBOT HORDE.

I HAVE LOST THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD...



...SO I WILL TEAR THIS WORLD ASUNDER WITH MY BARE HANDS!



NO! MR. SONIC WILL COME BACK AND STOP YOU!

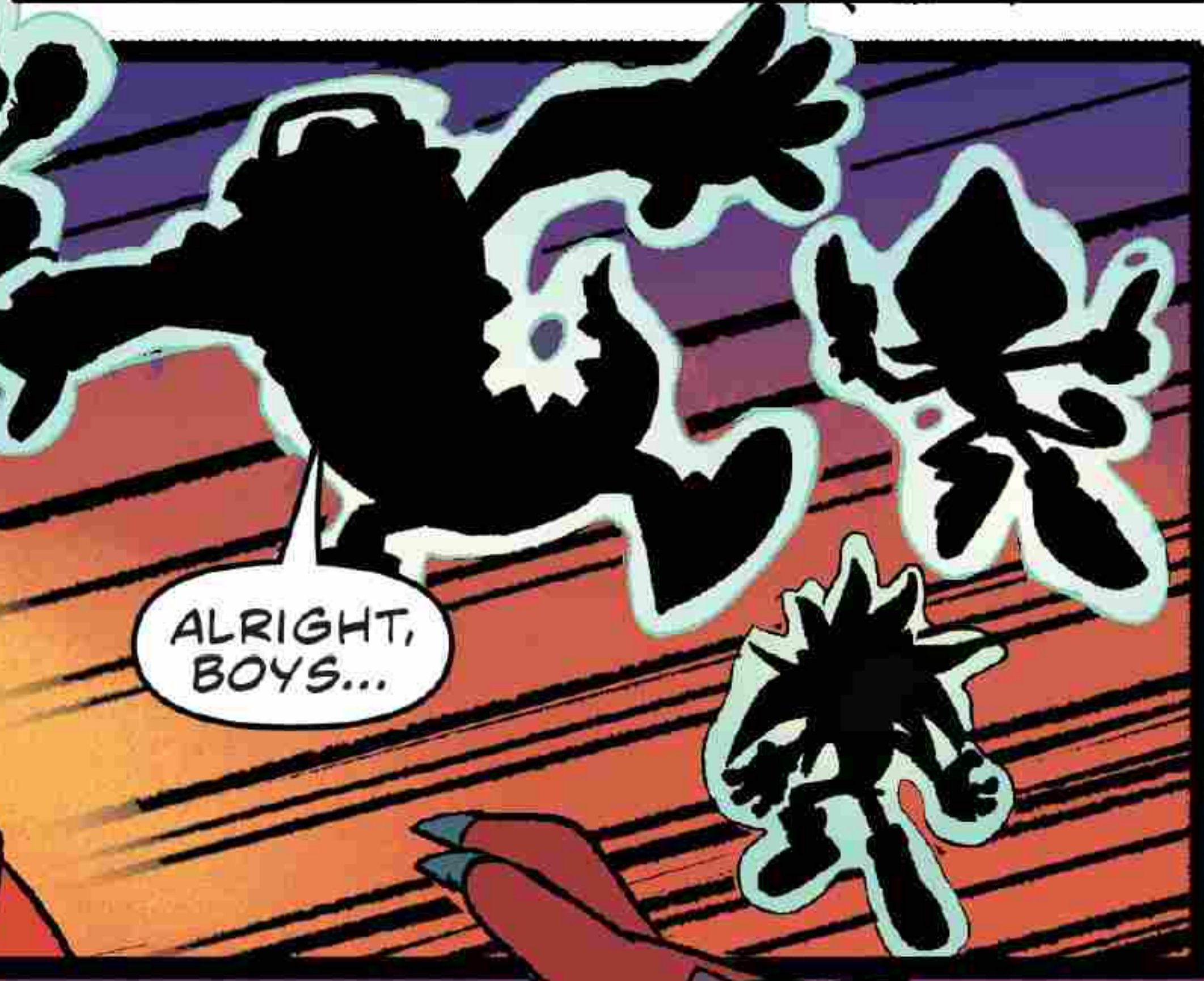
THEN YOU WON'T BE HERE TO WELCOME HIS RETURN! ANY LAST WORDS, WHELP?

YES, SIR.



CHEESE! GET 'IM!

POW









SUNSET CITY.

I SAID "BACK OFF!"



IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU INGRATES WON'T DO WHAT I SAY! NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME DO MY OWN FIGHTING?!

WELL IF ZAVOK'S PLAN FAILED, THEN I'M OUT...



...BUT I WON'T FORGET THIS.

YOU'RE ALL GOING TO SUFFER FOR THIS INDIGNITY.



ORCHARDVILLE.

ANY SIGN OF THE WEIRDO WHO WAS CONTROLLING US?

OH, MAN... STICK CLOSE TO ME, OKAY?

NO. AND GLEN HASN'T COME BACK.

HEE-HEE! YOUR FRIEND WON'T BE MOVING ANY TIME SOON!



I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE ENJOYING MYSELF LIKE THIS BUT...

...DESPERATE AND ALL ALONE? SURROUNDED BY FEAR AND HATRED? SLINKING BETWEEN THE SHADOWS?

THIS IS ALMOST AS GOOD AS TERRORIZING THE WORLD WITH ZOMBOTS!





"...THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE EARNED THEIR VICTORY."

WE'RE ALIVE!
WE'RE OKAY!
WE'RE NOT ZOMBOTS!

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH!
PUT ME
DOWN, YA BIG
PALOOKA!

JET?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



YOU'RE
WASTING A
WORRY. I'M
FINE.

THAT
WAS CLOSE. TOO
CLOSE. WHERE'S THAT
SHRIVELED OLD MAN?
I WANT TO TURN THAT
PRUNE INTO JUICE!



IF HE KNOWS
WHAT'S GOOD
FOR HIM,
HE'S ALREADY
ON THE RUN.

YEAH. BUT YOU KNOW
WHO DIDN'T RUN?
YOU. YOU STUCK
WITH US TO THE
BITTER END. THAT
WAS INCREDIBLY
BRAVE AND NOBLE
OF YOU, JET.

R-REALLY...?



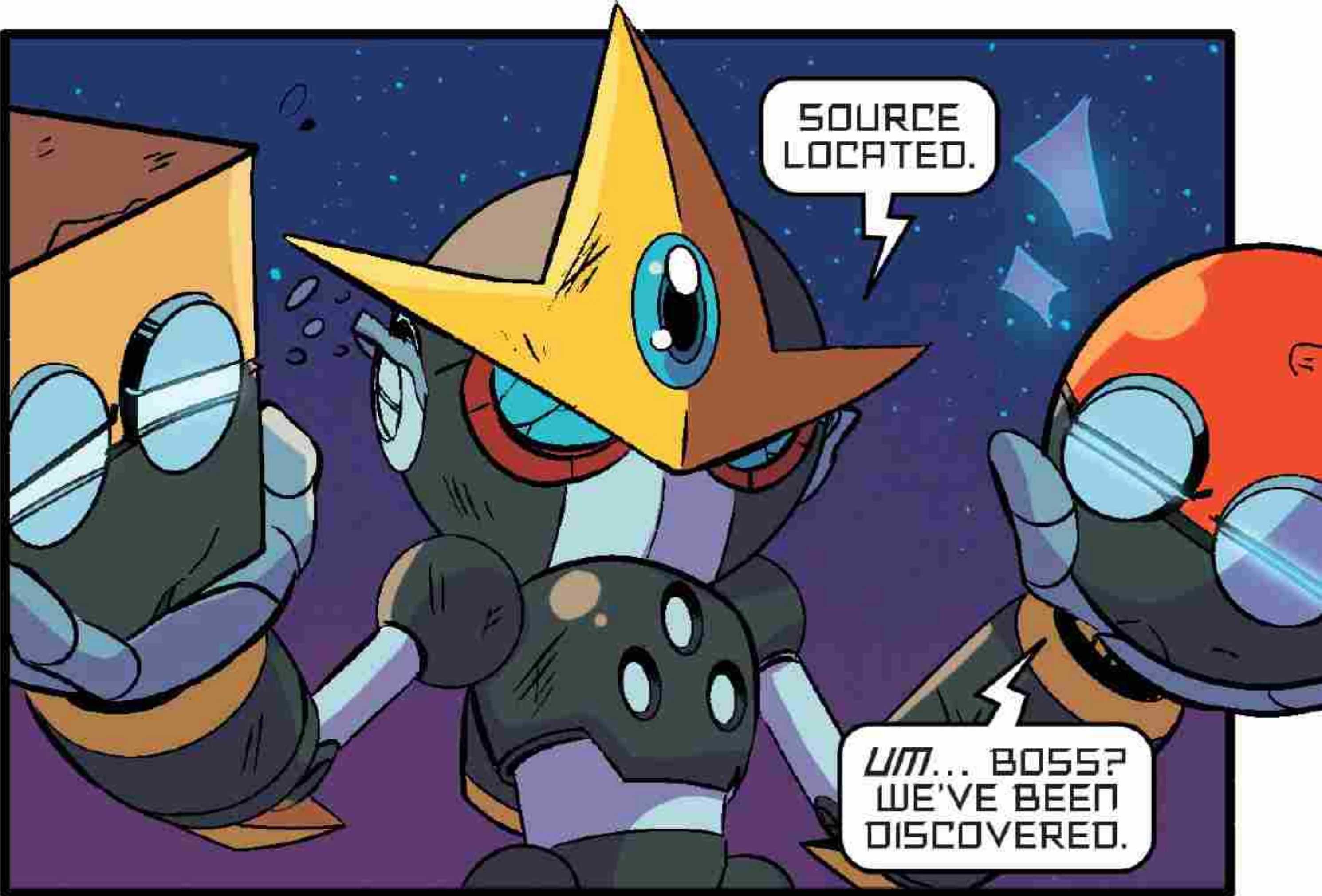
I MEAN--YEAH, DUH, OF COURSE I
STUCK AROUND! I'M THE LEGENDARY
WIND MASTER! THE BRAVEST, NOBLEST,
BESTEST LEADER OF ALL TIME!

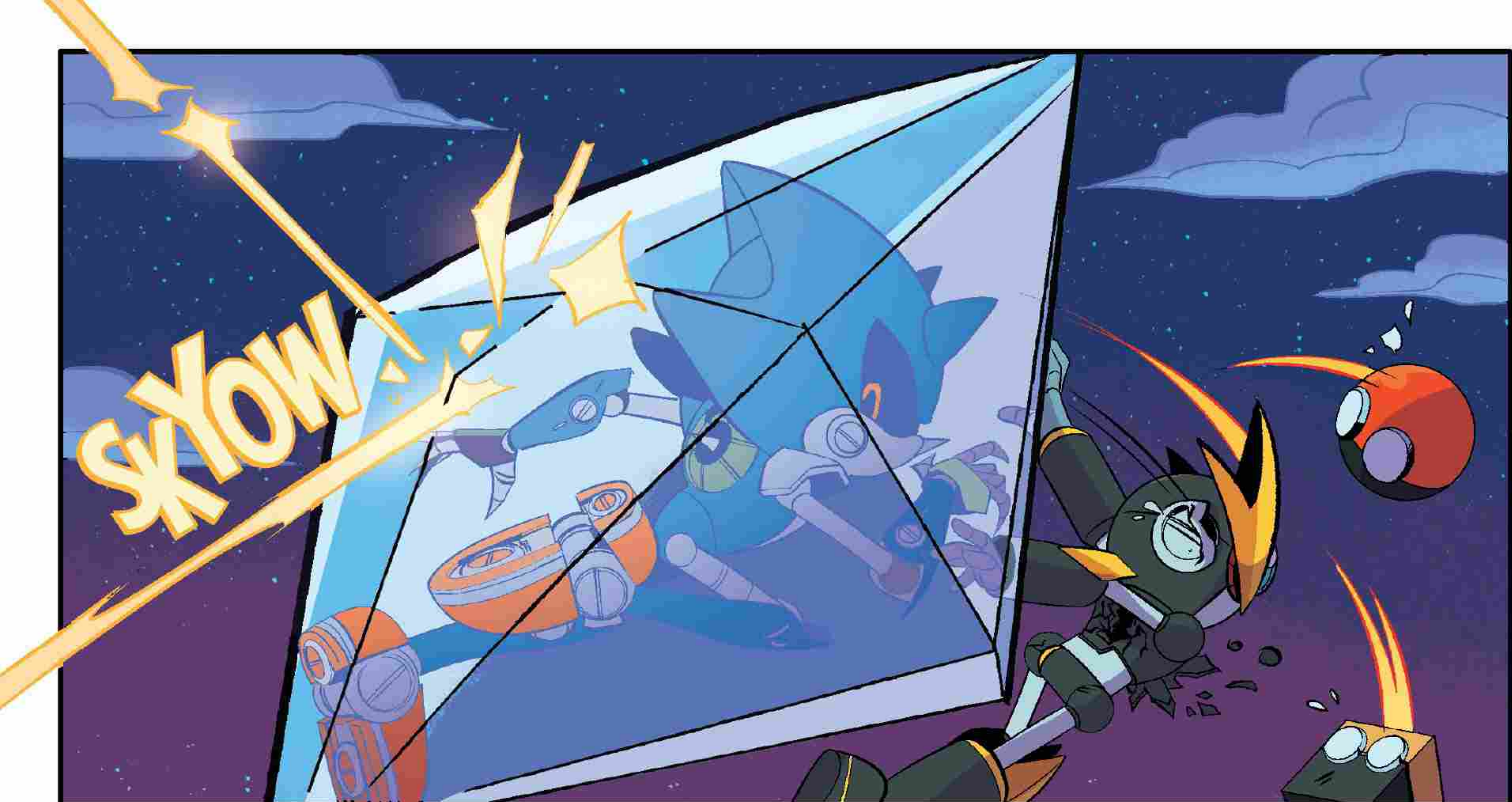
AAAAND
THE MOMENT
IS RUINED.

YOU
SURE ARE,
BOSS! YOU
SURE ARE!

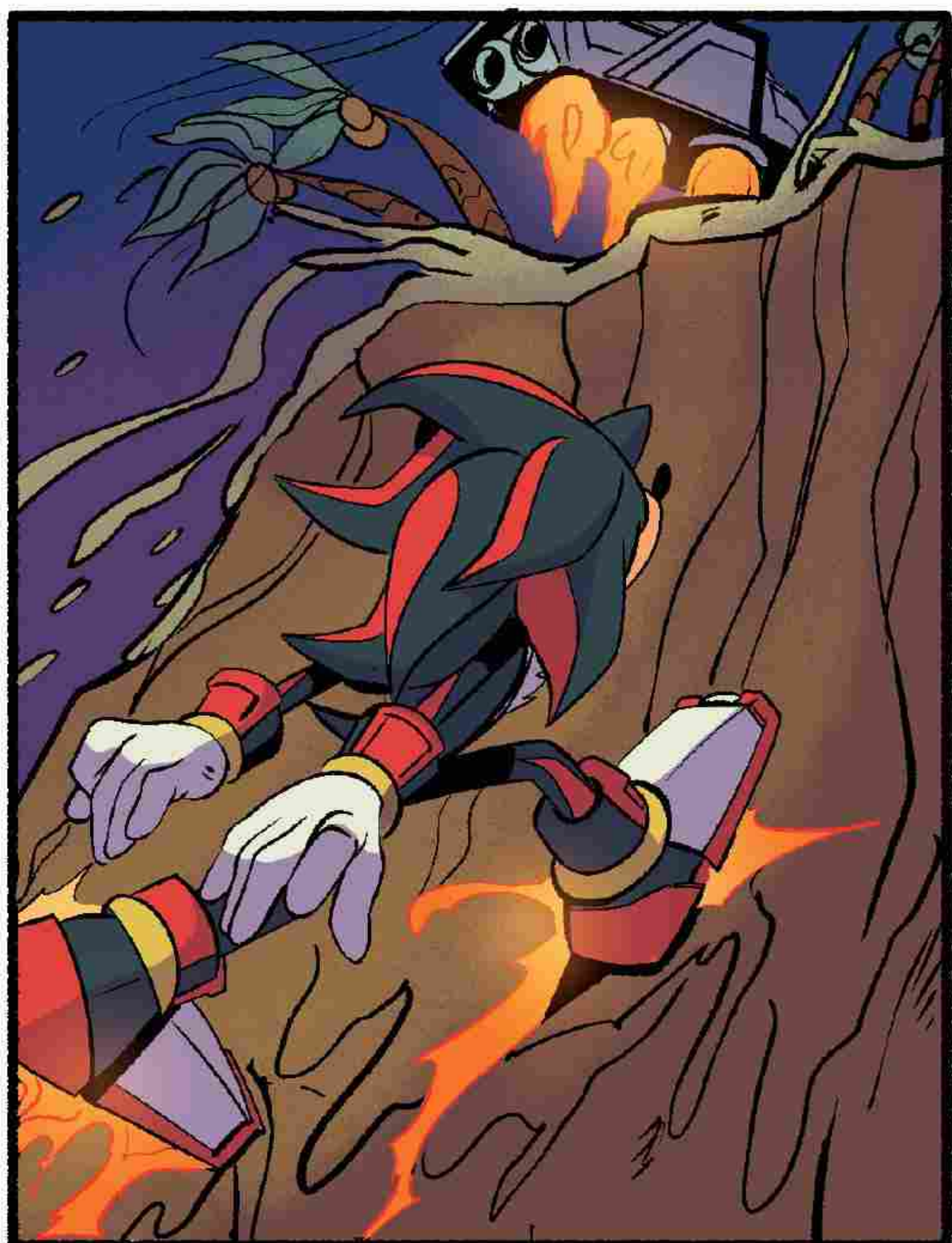


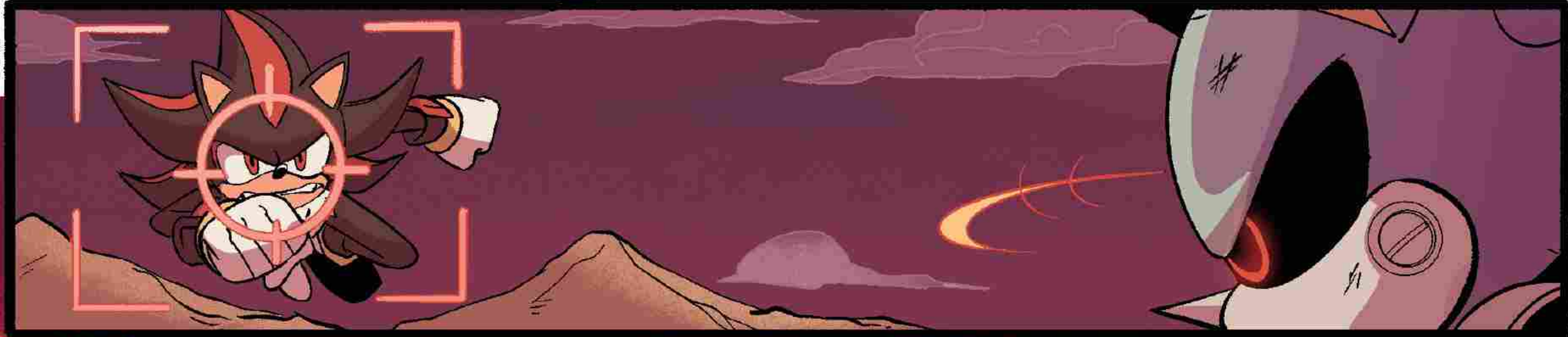


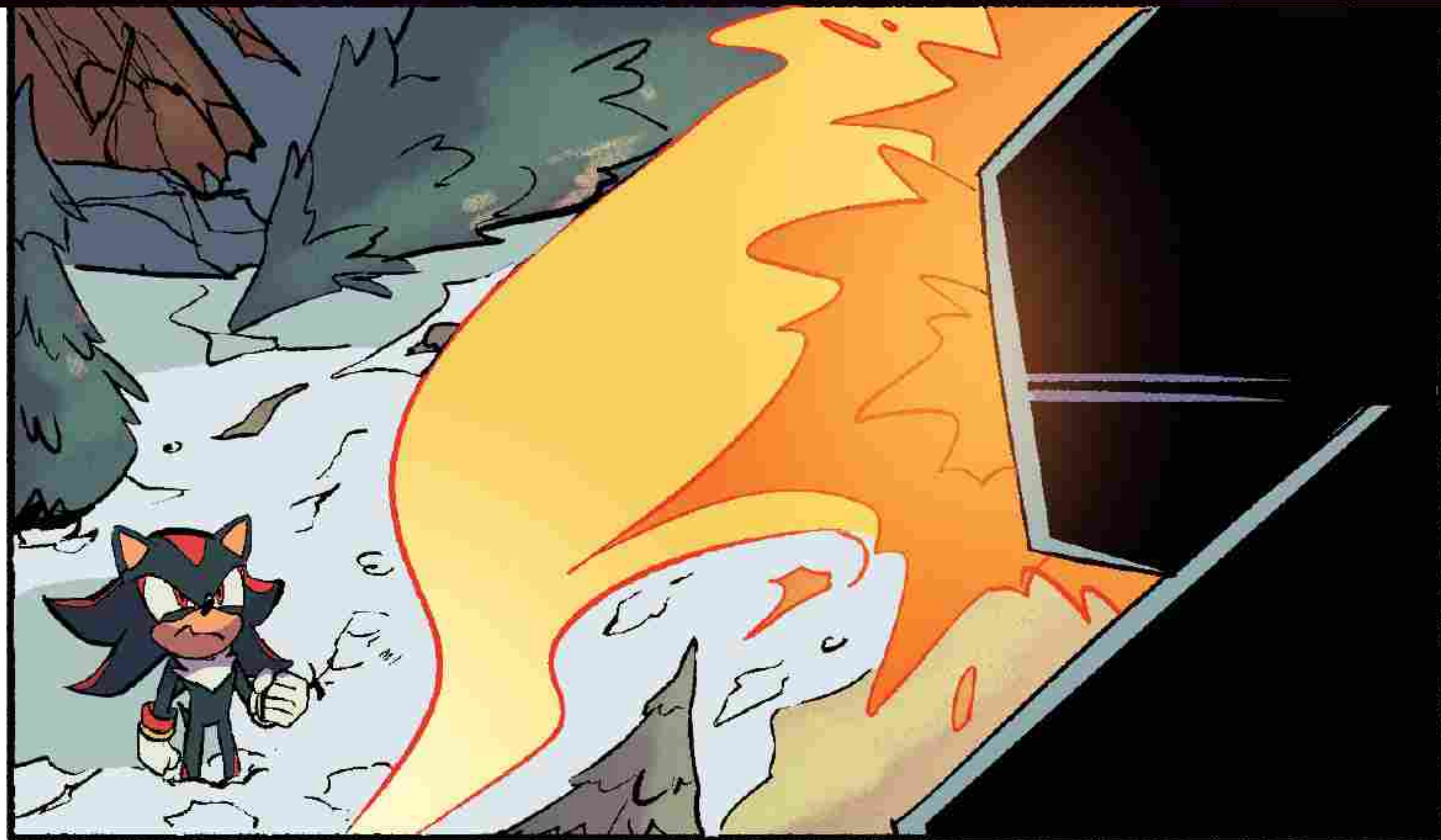
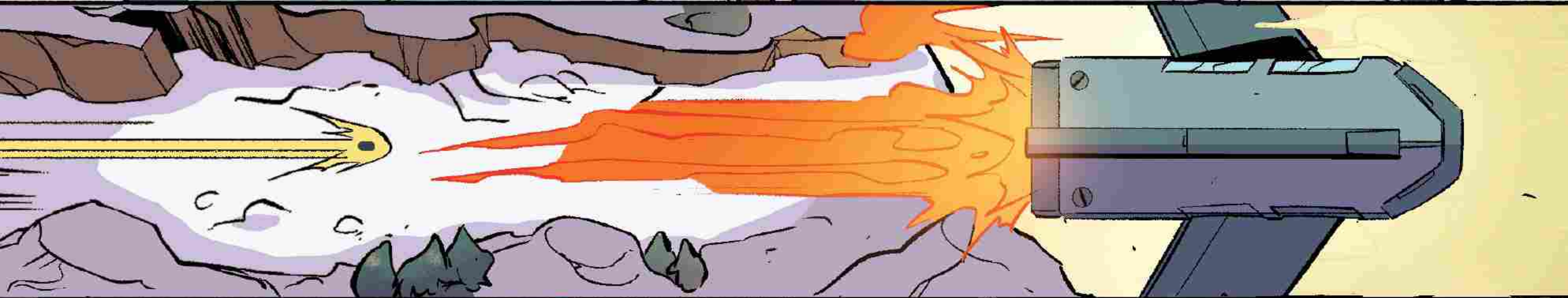
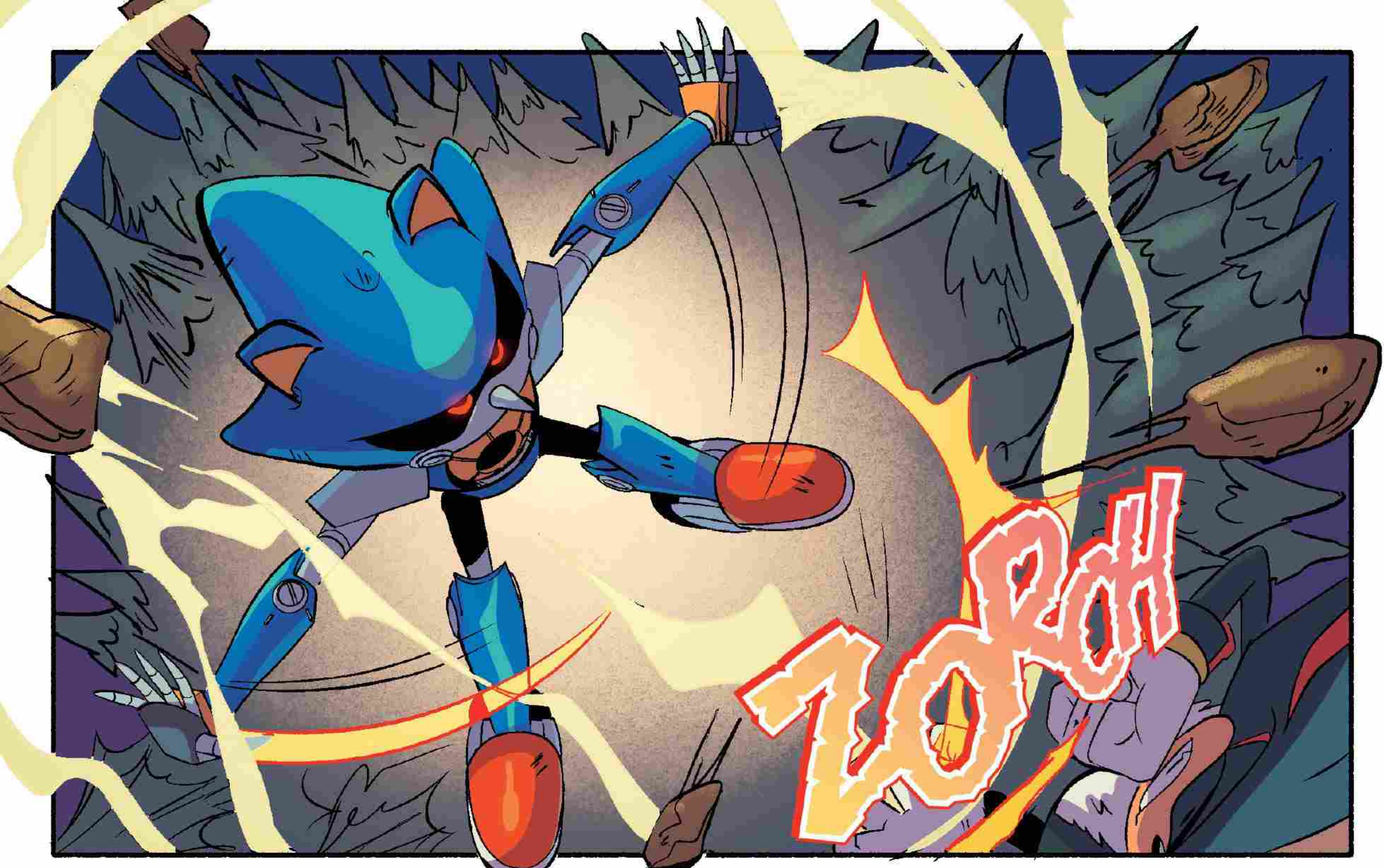


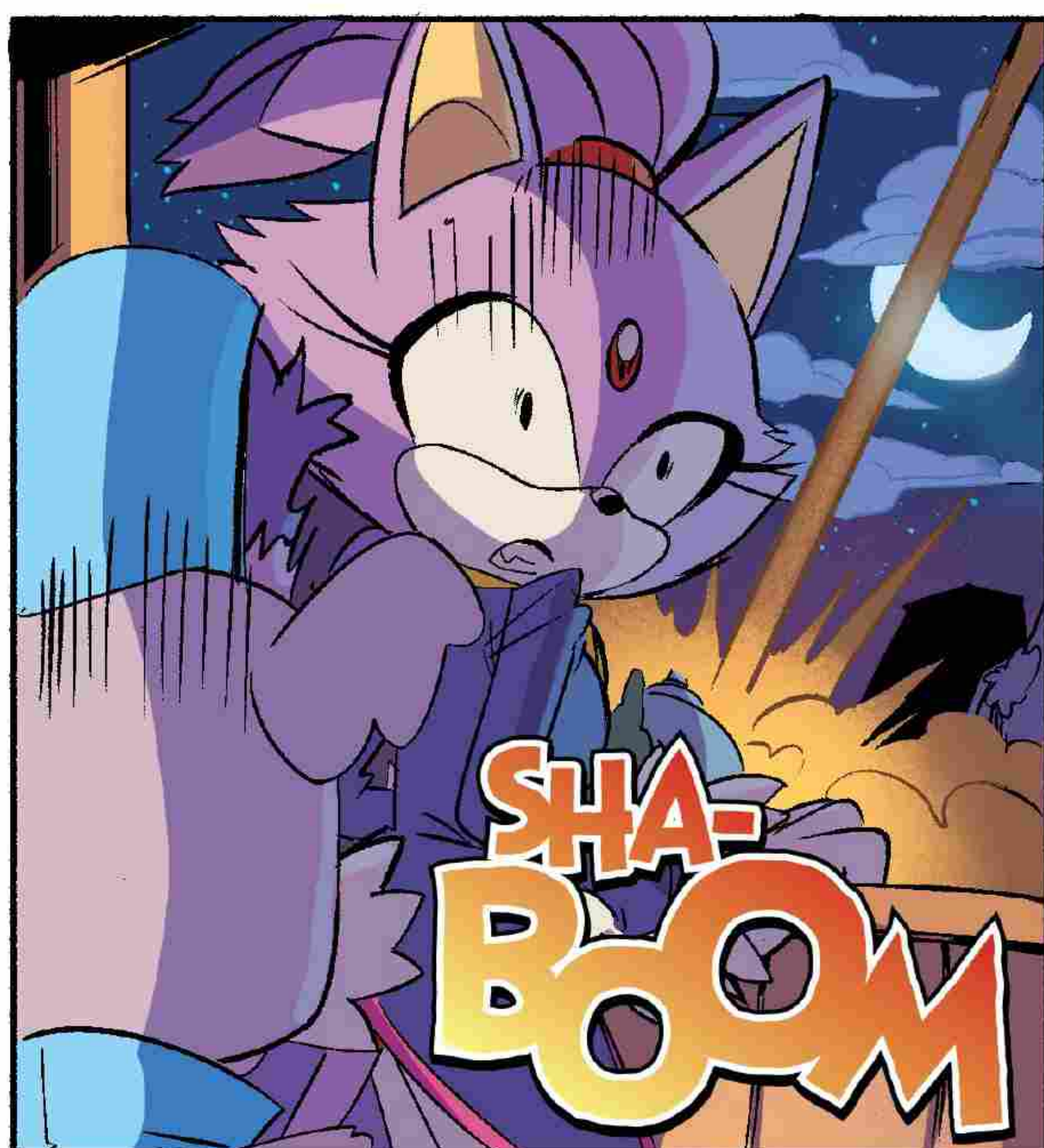


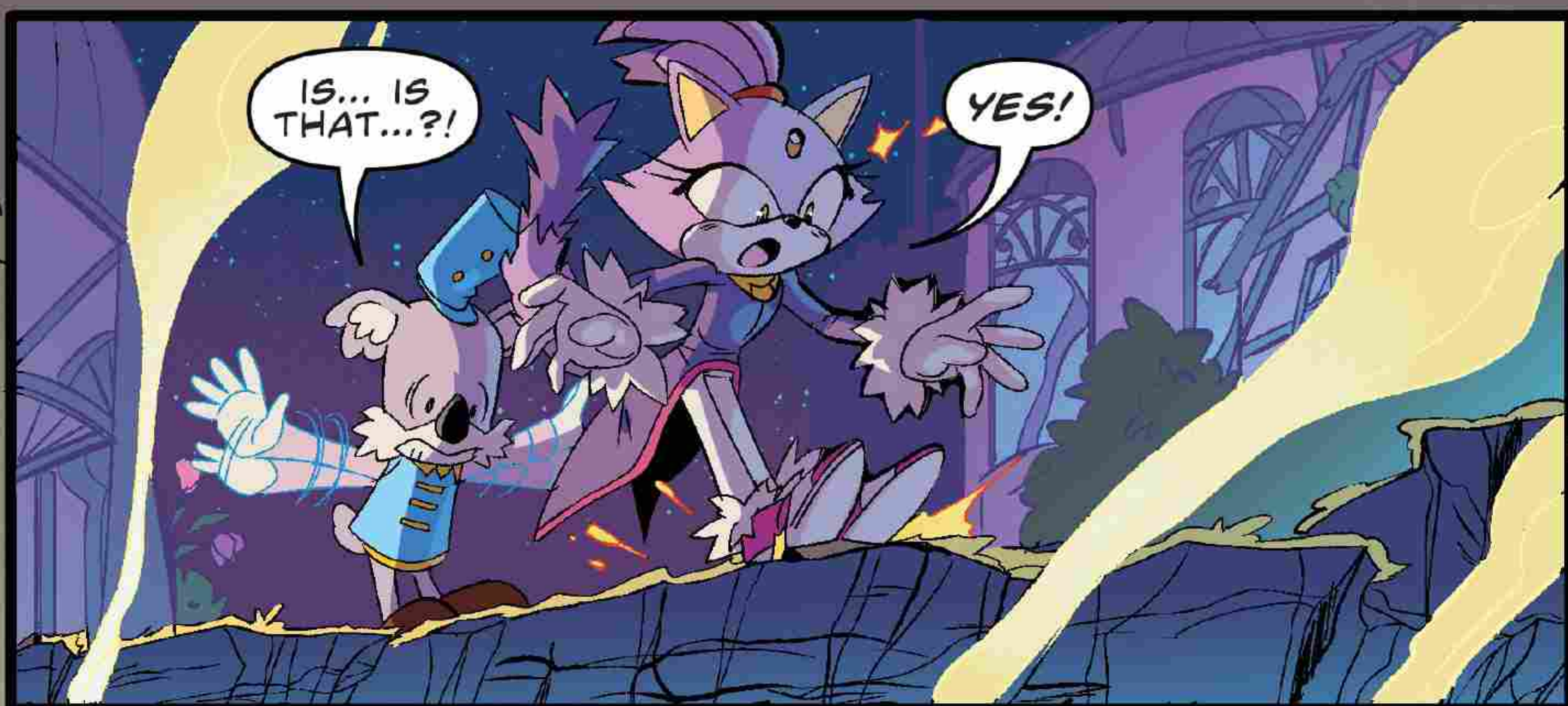












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REBUILD BEFORE EGGMAN'S
COUNTER-ATTACK?**

 NEXT MONTH



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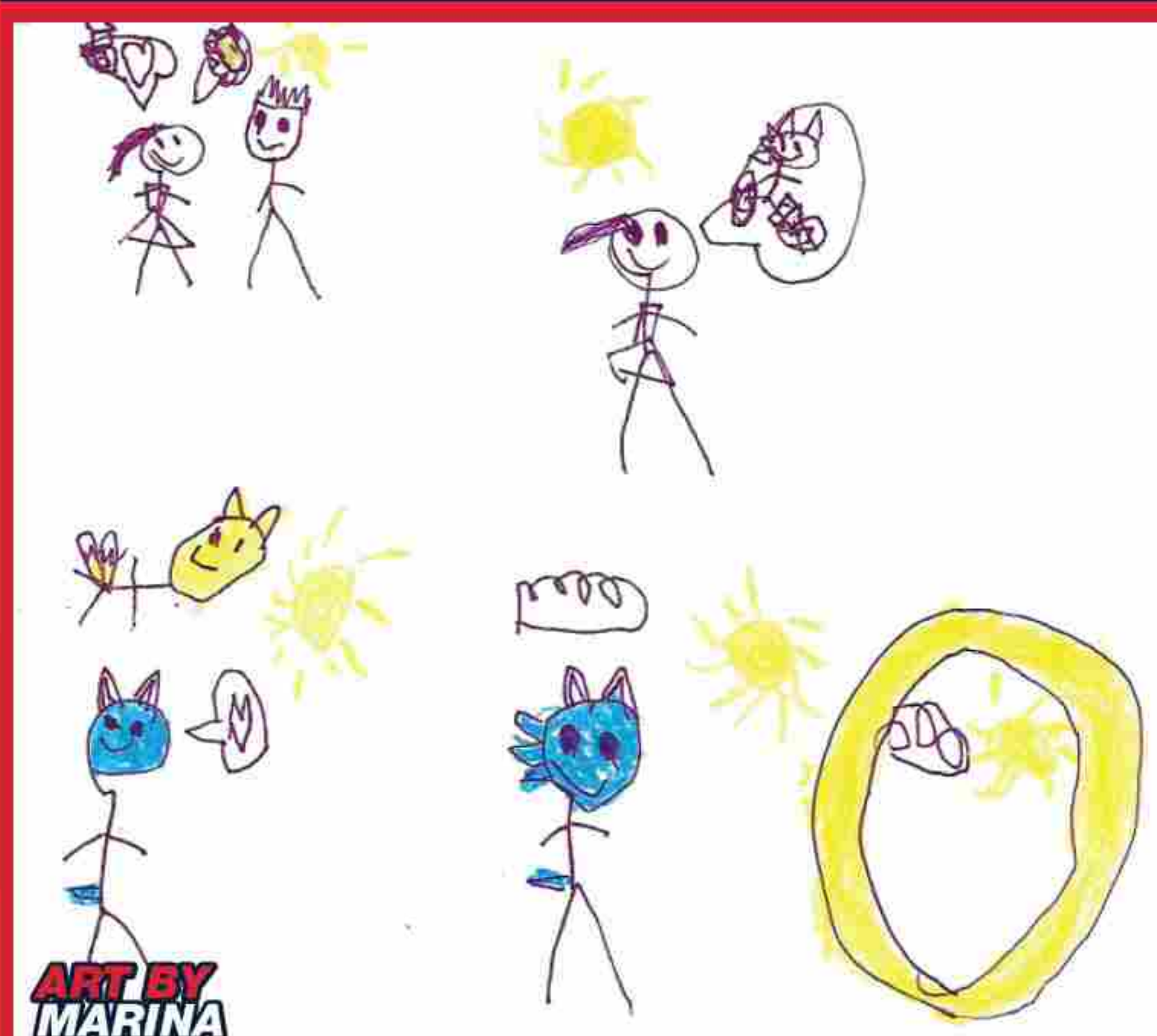
LETTERS SQUAD

What's up, Squad! Super Sonic and Super Silver saved the world! The Metal Virus may be gone but Eggman never rests... if only Sonic was there to help! Thank you for joining **Ian Flynn**, **Priscilla Tramontano**, **Matt Herms**, and **Shawn Lee** for "Cured." Now for a special edition of the letters page dedicated to your beautiful fan art!





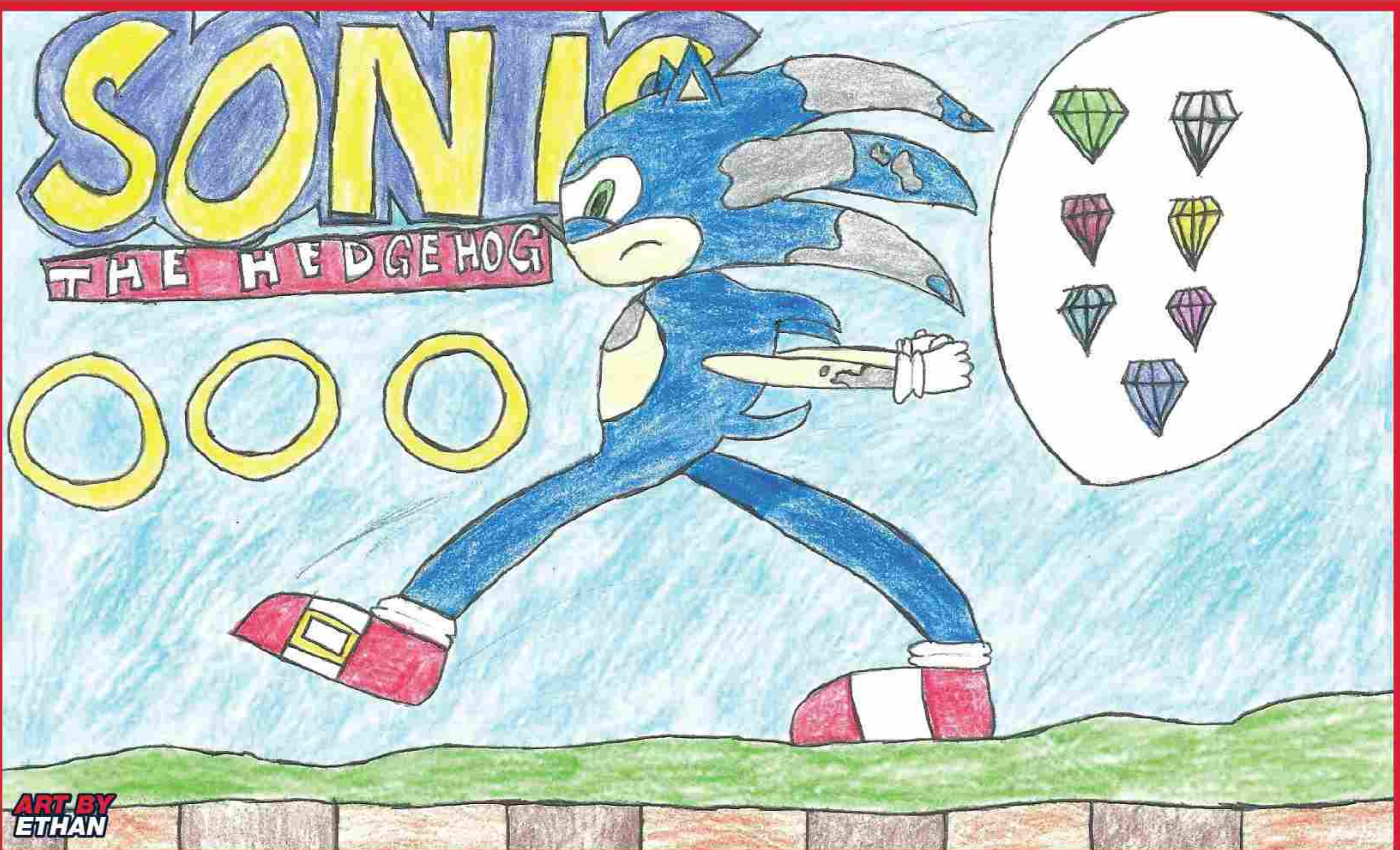
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“I shall take the heart,” returned the Tin Woodman; “for brains do not make one happy, and happiness is the best thing in the world.”

—*L. Frank Baum,*

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

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We've lost all our stories.

All but one.

No one knows where this story began...

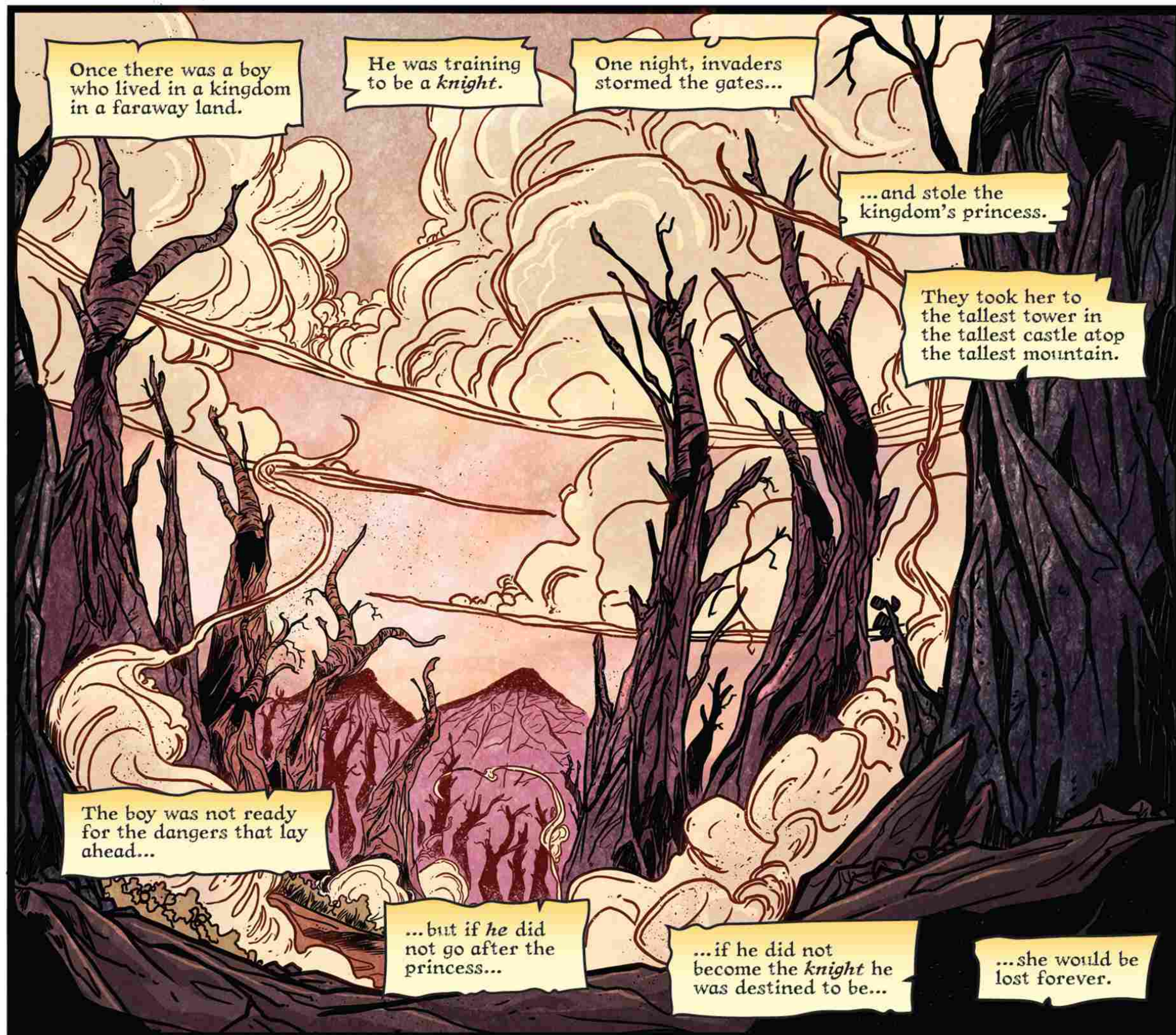
...or who told it first.



We pass it along in whispers...

...we hide it away...

...because everything else is gone.



Once there was a boy who lived in a kingdom in a faraway land.

He was training to be a *knight*.

One night, invaders stormed the gates...

...and stole the kingdom's princess.

They took her to the tallest tower in the tallest castle atop the tallest mountain.

The boy was not ready for the dangers that lay ahead...

...but if he did not go after the princess...

...if he did not become the *knight* he was destined to be...

...she would be lost forever.

A knight in full plate armor is climbing a rope that extends from a large wooden structure on the left towards a tall, dark castle tower on the right. The tower has several glowing orange windows. The background shows a steep, rocky mountain face with some sparse vegetation. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The knight is positioned in the center of the frame, looking up towards the tower. The overall style is a detailed, colorful illustration with a focus on the knight's journey.

On his quest, the knight
battled hordes of beasts
and enemies. He faced
countless horrors.

When he arrived
at the mountain,
he looked up at
its steep face...

...and he
climbed.

He arrived atop the
tallest tower in the
tallest castle...

...and he faced
the evil sorcerer
who had taken
the princess.

The battle was long, and
the knight was bruised
and bloodied. When he
believed he could fight
no more...

...he
vanquished
his foe.

The knight returned home, and the townsfolk called him a hero.

The princess asked him to rule the kingdom by her side.

CHIP



The knight did not see himself a hero. Or a prince.

He saw only a boy who had succeeded in his quest.

LITTLE SLAVE...

...GET BACK TO WORK.



This is Arcana.

The only place any of us has ever known.

Our hearts are taken before we know what they're for...

...and they're replaced with clocks.



We spend our time feeding the fires that burn under Arcana for reasons we have never been told...

...until our clocks stop.

They've forbidden
us to have
names...



...forbidden
us to care for
one another...



...forbidden
us to feel love.



But I care
for others...



...I feel love...



...I have a name.



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